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A few notes of the
voyage of the whaling
bark Horatio of New
Bedford from July
4th to Sept. 9th

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On board the Bark
Horatio
Port Clarence July 4, '91
The morning I awoke
with fine weather.
At five o'clock all the
colors were set at 114
all hands were called.
Breakfast at seven.
after that one boat and
crew went to the tender
to get our potatoes, the
rest broke out the ^{new} fore
topgallant sail and
fore topmast staysail
and bent them about
ten o'clock the larboard
fire broke out the bark
James Allen the boats
from all the ships along
the larboard side
lowered and went to
help put it out. Two

steamer and half a dozen forehumps were pouring streams of water into her and continued to do so until she was nearly sunken and the fire put out, then they commenced to pump her out which they finished doing at five o'clock Sunday morning. I was abroad working for about eleven hours, I ~~can~~ just imagine the look of the deck when cut hole in the deck dirt smoke and water all over them. The cabin broken into and every thing stolen, or broken. All the rum was dumped overboard at the commencement

so there was no danger.

Sunday July 3rd
The morning was rather
hazy. One watch on
aboard the P. A. help-
ing straighten her out
and the other turned
in. About noon the
U.S. Cutter Ocean came
in and anchored. She
is up here to protect the
whalers and see that
no rum is sold to the
natives. Monday the 4th
We turned out at six
had breakfast at seven
and as soon as we had
finished commenced get-
ting underway we got
out of the harbor about
nine and struck a
calm and anchored

between King's Island
and Port Clarence. But
six vessels are now left in
the harbor eighteen sailing
to day among them the
steamer *Carine*.

Tuesday the 7th
We are still laying at
anchor at this time 9 A.M.
but will start as soon
as there is a breeze. We
bore anchor about five
P.M. and started with
a good breeze and five
other vessels with us.

Wednesday
A fine breeze all day
and by night we had
left all the vessels but
of eight astern of us.

Thursday, 8th
The breeze is still fresh
and we are moving
very fast.

We left St Lawrence P.E. out of sight this morning between three and four P.M. We next land we sighted & expect will be St Matthew.

As the days are beginning to shorten and we will soon begin to have night. Friday 18th ~~Oct~~

Foggy with a strong breeze all day. We neared the right whale grounds to day and ganneted the steam whaler Beluga and got the news of the right whale fleet. In the morning we sighted a lot of firebacks.

Saturday 19th

Foggy with a strong breeze. nothing going this

Sunday, 12th

Foggy with a strong
breeze, lighted up about
noon and the sun came
out for a little while but
soon shut in again.

Towards night sighted
a bank off our lee beam
but did not go near
enough to tell what it
was.

Monday 13th

Owing a gale with
fog and rain. began
moderating about noon
We were under lower
topsails but have now
set the foreail and began
to go ahead. The old man
is very anxious to sight
a whale and so am I
but do not much like
the idea of lowering in
this kind of weather.

Tuesday, 13th

Last night it breezed and blew almost a hurricane accompanied with a cold rain and fog.

We shortened sail down to mastsail and staysail and hove to & think it was about the most disagreeable night we have had since leaving New B.

This morning it moderated and by night it was a death calm with a bad sea rolling us about in all shapes.

We put a line over and tried to catch a codfish but did not get a bit. We see few seals nearly every day but it is against the law to catch them.

Wednesday 15th

A light breeze and
the fog horns going.
The starboard watch
are breaking out water
sugar, molasses, vineg-
ar, beef and pork while
the port watch, the one
that I am in is below
until twelve o'clock.

Thursday 16th

Foggy, raining and a
light breeze. Sighted
the steamer *Feeble*
freemair trying out
two wly ale making
seven for her. In the
afternoon sighted the
Hark. Sydia with
two and a half all white
grinned her, and
found the best crowd
of fellows forward of
any ship we've

Friday 18th

Foggy rainy and a
fair breeze. In the
morning I spoke the
steamer Beluga with
no whales there
garned the sky did
all day.

Saturday 19th

Foggy, rainy and a
very strong breeze.
I garned the N.B.
Barle & oephine with
three hundred barrel
seal oil. In the
afternoon we sighted
the big Francis Burton
with all sail set chasing
no whales.

Sunday 19th

Before breakfast we
sighted a dead whale
occled by walrus

"A stinker" and indeed
it is just such at they are.
After breakfast we got
him along side and
hove in the head in
a hurry as there were
four vessels bearing down
on us any of which m-
ight have carried it
if we did not have it
in before they got there.
It fell a flat calm so
that we were all night
We got the head in
before dinner and were
all cleaned up before
supper. The mate call-
ed out that it made
us about one thousand
pounds of bone. We did
not bother with the blw-
blow. Monday 30th
In the morning we

sighted three barkers one
of which had her boats
down after whales and
just then the man saw
out from mast head "blow"
"blow" a right whale on
the lee beam. We then
lowered three boats and
after two or three hours
saw the mate's boat
that I am in struck
after we had but a cou-
ple of bombs into him the
other boat came up and
put iron into him
After we had killed
him the ship came
down and picked us
up and we commenced
bearing in got the
head off deck before night

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Tuesday 30th

We finished bearing

in the blubber to day.
It is expected to make
one hundred and twenty
five bbls. of oil and twelve
hundred pounds of bone
I am very tired to night
having had forty hours
hard work and eight
hours sleep in the last
forty eight. We will
commence trying out
in the morning

Wednesday 32d

We had the try work
going full blast all
day. I sighted two
seals, chasing whales
Foggy as usual.

Thursday 33d

I have got the work
well heabup and am
running the gib out
pretty fast. In the

afternoon we sighted a right whale about a half mile off and lowered three boats but before we struck him it came in so thick that we could not see the ship so had let the whale go and find the ship.

Friday 23rd

Before breakfast we sighted a right whale about a quarter of a mile ahead of the ship and lowered two boats. When my boat got within a boat length of him he turned flukes and went down and when he came up again he was out of sight in the fog. We commenced stowing down oil after breakfast.

and got one hundred and
then down before night.
We finished trying out
about nine o'clock in the
evening.

Saturday 25th

We finished stowing the
oil about noon the
whale making us one
hundred and sixty seven
barrels. In the after-
noon we gammed the
bk. polw of which
left Port G. at the same
time we did. She had
caught a cow and calf
making her twelve or
thirteen hundred of bone
and one hundred and
forty barrels of oil. Wind light
and foggy all day.

Sunday 26th
Thick fog and no wind
all the morning, clear for

about two or three hours
in the afternoon. At night
it was so thick we
could not see the length
of the ship. Nothing to
do all day but work
the ship. nearly all
took the opportunity to
wash their oily clothes.
The ship looked by my-
self as if a laundry had
been started on her.

Monday 27th

Very light winds and
thick fog all day. have
seen nothing whatever
to day. The mate is
feeling pretty good to day
as he has let us loaf
all day.

Tuesday 28th

Very light winds and
fog. In the forenoon

we sighted something
in the fog that we were
in hope was a stinker
but on running down to
it found it was nothing
but an empty barrel.

Wednesday Aug 9th

Foggy and dead calm
In the morning we
heated a lot of water
and commenced washing
the bone we got from
the stinker and finished
about even in the
evening. The fog lifted
for a little while and
we sighted the Josephine
with one forty barrel right
whale, two other backs
and the steamer Wm.
Lewis. We гарнished the
latter and found her
just from Orcaulac.

where she had been
coaling. She has caught
nothing whatever yet
and is the only steamer
that is clear.

Thursday 30th
light wind foggy and
rainy. One steamer
one bark and plenty
of fishbaulks in sight.

Friday 31st
Foggy and very light
wind. In the afternoon
commenced breezing up
and raining and before
the watch I was over
we had sail shortened
down to lower topgallant
and storm staysails.

August

Saturday 1st
Rain and fog the wind
moderating and east
on again.

In the evening we sighted a steamer and on her running down to us we found her to be the Belvedere with nine whales. The capt. and Taylor Rose came aboard, Rose called me aft and had quite a talk with me about home.

Sunday 2^d

We lay to with the Belvedere and in the morning set sail and started, in company with her for St. Matthew &c. In the evening we came together and our capt. went aboard the steamer.

Monday 3^d

We lay to together.

all night and started ^{ff.} again in the morning the breeze was light and the steamer got up steam and soon left us out of sight

Tuesday 4th

It is getting better with every day as we get north but half the day being foggy, & it is growing cooler every day now. In the afternoon we sighted and named the Chapman & an Gray Capt. Kelley with two vehicles.

Wednesday 5th

Lay to with the Reder and in the morning went aboard and stayed all day.

and came across a
boat steerer that had
been shipmate with
a number of Matta. boys

Thursday 6th

Today is my birth-
day and I hope it
will not be aboard
one of this style ships
to celebrate my next
one. We parted company
with the schooner 2^o
keeping off for Port Bl-
auncey and we for St-
Matthews which we
sighted about four-
clock.

Friday 7th

We were close in to
the Island and sighted
Pelican Is. and then
stood off. About noon
a bank supposed to be

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the Reindeer passed!
we carrying all possible
caib. In the afternoon
we sighted the bark
Comodine pillow cutting
in two Inhalee. She
sent a boat aboard
for afternoon some
boat boards to mend
of her bats that had
been stove.

Saturday 8th
We set main royale
and squared yards for
the Arctic with a
light fair wind.

Sunday 9th Monday 10th
Tuesday 11th Wednesday 12th
Thursday 13th the day 14th
We have been all alike
hardly touching a sheet
or binnacle.

Saturday 15th

This morning in a thick fog we could have run ashore if it had not been for the natives halloing on the beach of King's Is.

At the mouth of Ocheinig Strait. A number of them came off in their ~~big~~ little canoes with a hole just large enough for one to sit in. The third mate brought a little puppy and it has begun to be a pet for all hands fore and aft.

Sunday 60th

We made Cape Prince of Wales in the afternoon and sent a boat ashore of which I made one of the crew and shipped four natives. I had a chance to see the huts which have been wanting

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to do ever since we have
been amongst the natives.
The winter houses are
nearly all underground
some of them going
down two stories instead
of up as with us. There
are two school teachers
hired by the govt. who
stayed there all winter.
They have quite a nice
house. After getting the
natives aboard we set
all sail and in a couple
of hours had passed Little
and Big Diomedes &c.
and were in the Arctic.

Monday 17th

This morning the capt.
had the slop chest broke
out and gave the Neemka
a change of clothes they
immediately went below

and put on every stitch
and then came on deck
feeling as big as anyone
possibly could. We have
got a very strong head
wind and are making
very little headway.

Tues day 18th
The wind still continues
ahead and is blowing
very strong.

Wednesday 19th
No shift of wind yet nor
does not lighten any.
If it continues this way
we will not get to the
sea in a month.

Thurs day 20th
This morning when I went
to mast head at three o'clock
Gravel Point 180 the fifty
miles away we soon went
out of sight of it and

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raised it again in the afternoon and it has been in sight ever since steadily coming nearer and nearer.

~~Friday 31st~~

The wind still continues about the same and we gain very little on the land. ~~Saturday 32nd~~
It's now just about holding our own today.

~~Sunday 2nd~~

The wind light and foggy early in the morning and then continued blowing until it was blowing a gale dead aft. About eleven we sighted Cape Liebert and kept on for Point Barrow.

~~Monday 2nd~~

For a change we have

had a few snow squalls
Sighted three barlee land
two brige gammed the
bank Reindeer and brige
Francis & Astor and
Alexander learnt from
them that the ice were
so thick that no vessel
could get to Point Barrow
this year and that
thirty whales had been
caught there from the
shore all of which some
will have to stay there
and also that the fleet
were all anchored at
Bellchers and that out
of the fleet that left Port
Clarence right at haline
we had done the best,

Tuesday 23rd

we went into the ice
a little ways and came

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out again. Found it
the heaviest we. had
seen yet. The rigging
froze up for the first time
this fall.

Wednesday 26th
Today is beautiful so
warm that you can
sit around the deck
and be very comfortable
to morrow it will probat
ly be so cold that you
will be freezing walking
about. This afternoon we
sighted eleven barkes and
one echovner and the
old man will have a
great time garning
where we get to them.
One of the officers told
me that this old man
would take me with
him next year to steer
a boat

Thursday 27th

A fine day and very light
breeze ran along the edge
of the ice and gnawed
the bark Triton and
Tannerbark.

Friday 28th

Eleven sail in sight.
gnawed the bark
Andrew Hickey this all
day.

Saturday 29th

This morning it blew a
gale and when it let
up we found ourselves
within seven miles of
Blowoms Shoals with
the wind and tide
setting us onto it. We
immediately set sail
and commenced working
off.

Sunday 30th

We all had a fine day

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with a light breeze work-
ing away from the shoals
sometimes one would be
aboard and then another
gone of us making much
headway. Saw quite a
number of walrus.

Now Monday 31st

This morning we struck
a leading wind up
along the ice. We had
six sail ahead of us and
immediately began
gaining on them and
by twelve o'clock at night
had passed them all.

September

Tuesday 1st

Today it is blowing a
gale and so cold that
I suffer greatly from it.
As fast as a drop of water
comes aboard it turns to

ice. The boat is completely
encased in a white
coat.

Wednesday 2d.

The gale is blown out.
We got into the ice and
the old man was so
scared that he did
not eat anything in
all day but drank a
good deal. We were out
about two P.M. and
got into clear water
again. We saw a Polar
bear on the ice but
did not bother him.

Thursday 3d

~~It is~~ a fine day with a
light breeze. We have, how-
ever, a lot of scattering ice.
It comtemplated blow-
ing a gall and we shot
it down to lower water.

to the air. During the night it blew the hardest it have since leaving home.

Friday 4th

The gale still continues with the addition of snow and sleet.

Saturday 5th

It has begun to moderate and we commenced to put on sail. I stood in and made the ice and then worked along the wedge.

Sunday 6th

Very light breeze and snow cequals. Sighted pine s aile astern of us. Lay all night in a calm.

Monday 7th

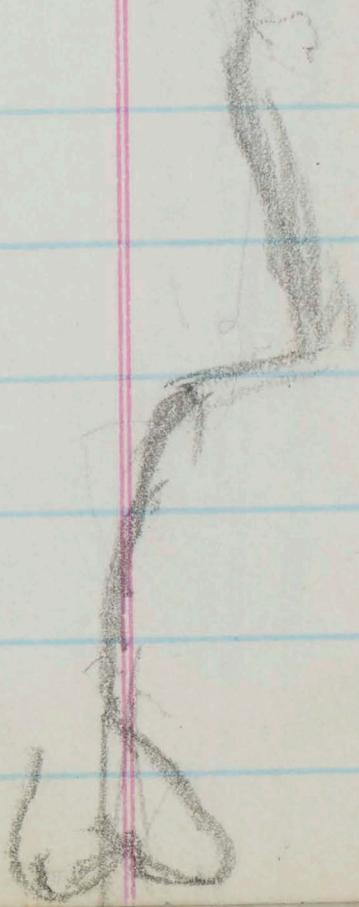
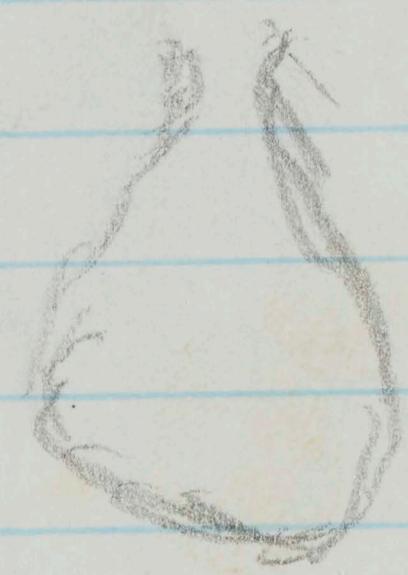
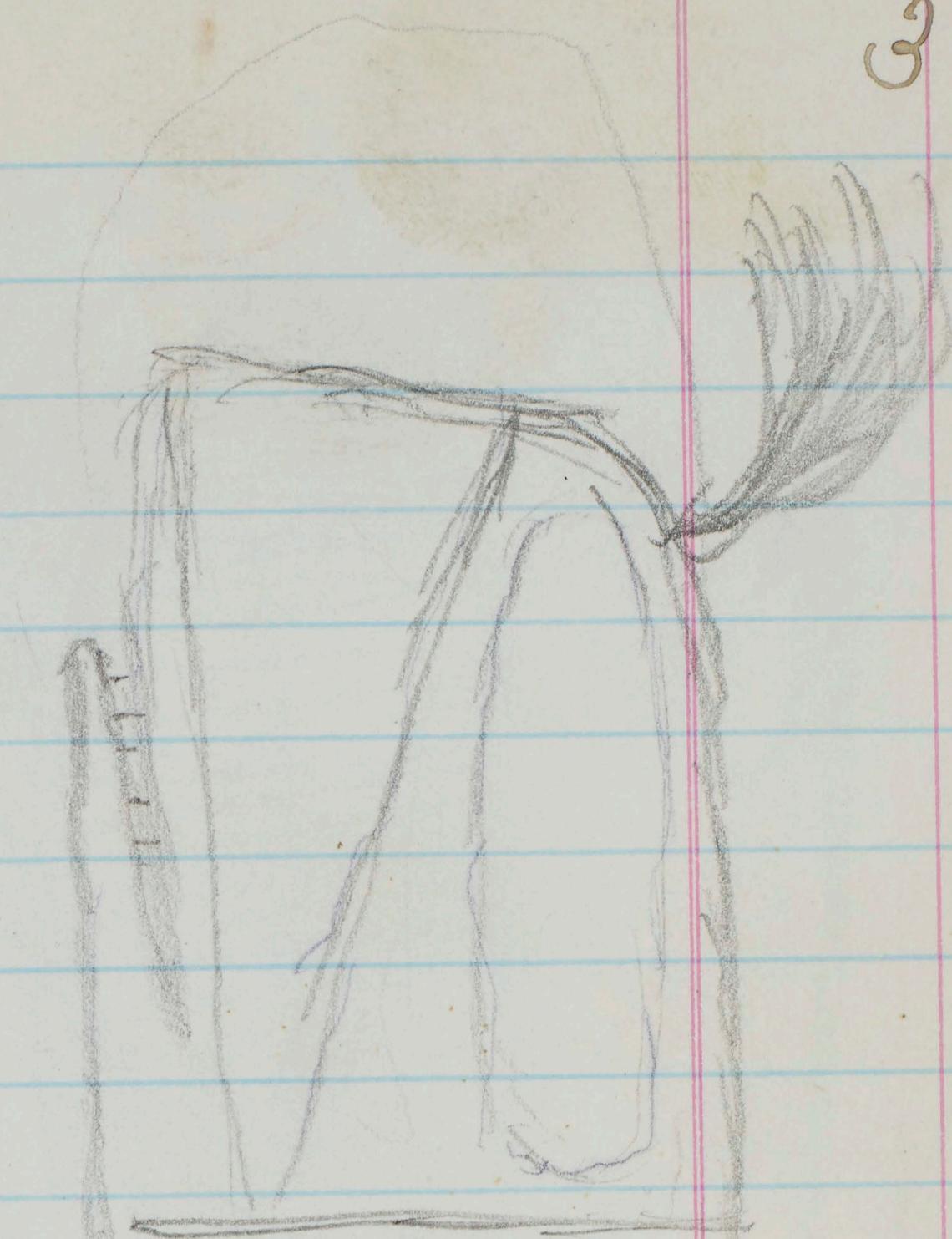
A fine day with light breeze. Gathered the barrels of m. Day and

Abram Barker all
three skippers got nearly
beastly drunk. We had
ten men in the forecastle
besides ours and had a
fine time singing and
spinning yarns. The
Portuguese on one side
called by us "Liberty Hall"
and the white on the
other.

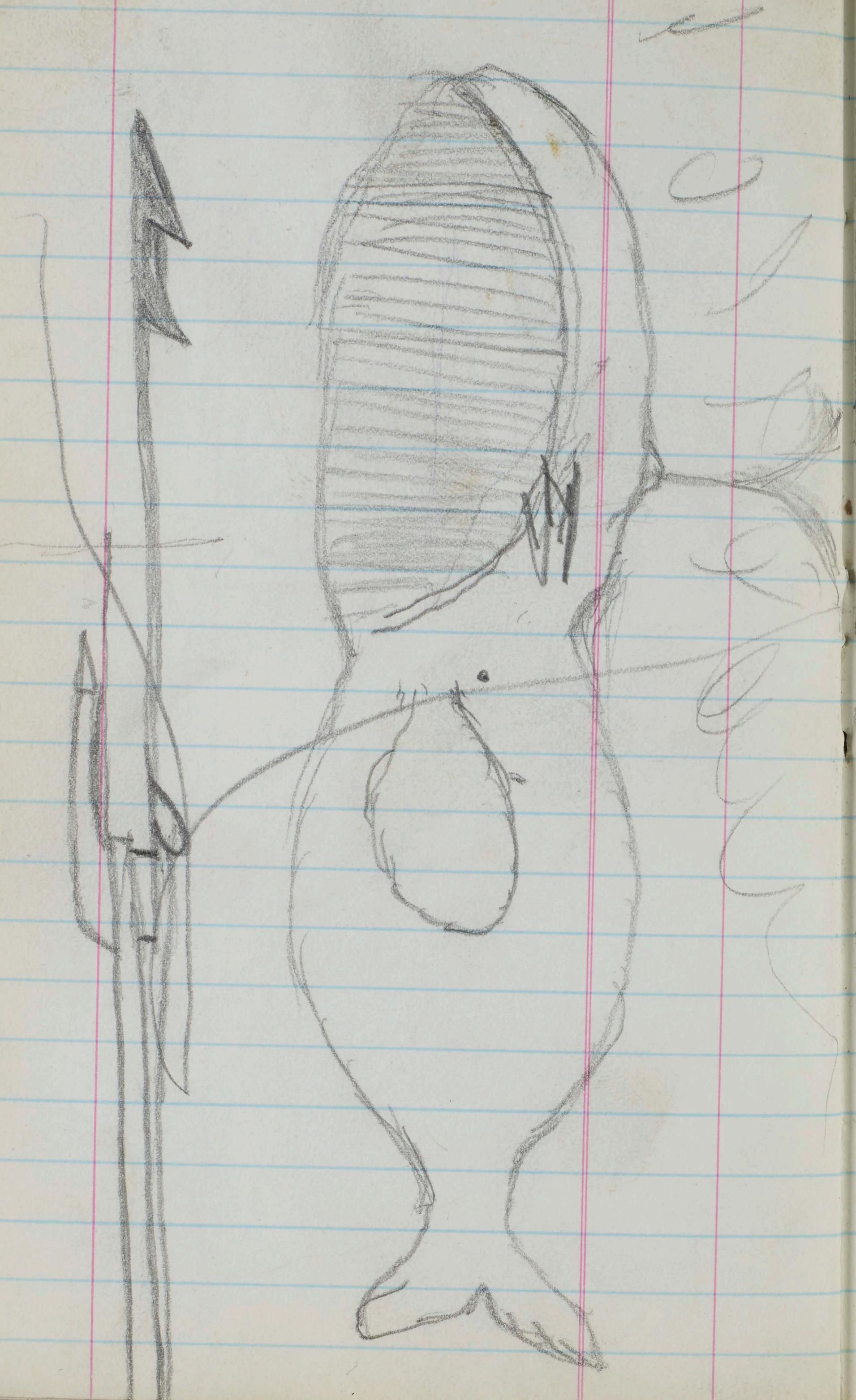
Tuesday 8th
Another fine day and
light breeze. in the after-
noon I visited the
Bounding Willow and
Abram Barker. Learned
that two bowheads and a
calf had been seen.

Wednesday 9th

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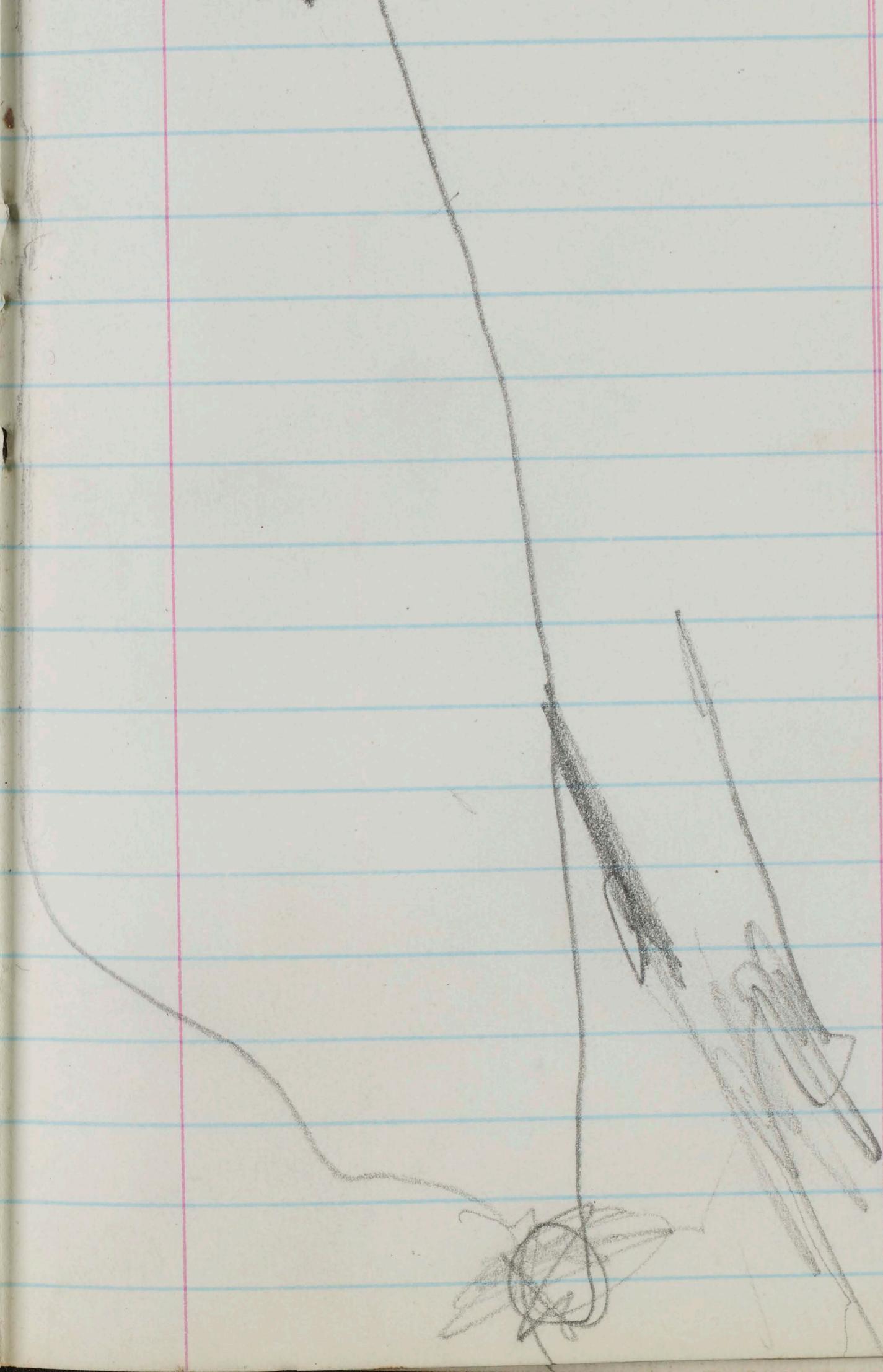
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the number of
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the cluster is



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Cambridge Mass

Fred B. Dering
193 Pleasant St.
Worcester
Mass.

William Murphy
103 Main St.
Worcester

Annetta Mason
21 Baltic St
Leith
Scotland

William Murphy
108 Silver St.

Boston, Mass.

Address of some of my
companions during the
war passage

